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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **KIKUGAWA, Atsushi et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1742

Serial No.: 09/924,476

Examiner: **OLTMANS, Andrew L.**

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**For: RARE EARTH METAL-BASED PERMANENT MAGNET HAVING
CORROSION-RESISTANT FILM AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -
GROUP ART UNIT 1742**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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August 9, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **May 28, 2004**, please amend the above-identified application as follows: